

REMARKS

Status of the Application

Claims 1-10 are pending. Claims 1, 2 and 10 are rejected. Claims 3-9 are objected to.

Drawings

Applicants note the examiner's decision not to enter the drawings shown on drawing sheet 6/6 because they introduce new matter, specifically a compartment located in the ear of the cow. Applicants respectfully submit that the drawings are not new matter. While the cow's ear bears the word "SAVE" (which may have led the examiner to conclude that a compartment was located in the ear), the compartment corresponding to the word SAVE is actually located in the cow body. As best shown in new Figure 8, the SAVE slot is located at the back of the cow's head. The SAVE compartment is located not only in part of the head of the cow (so that a coin inserted through the SAVE slot is received into the SAVE compartment) but also in the "body" (so that the coin can be retrieved through one of the feet extending downward from the "body." Paragraph 0019 states that "The body 12 is divided by substantially planar internal walls into a plurality of compartments." The new figures depict a cow bank in which the cow body is divided into four compartments as supported by paragraph 0019 among other places in the specification.

Specification

Applicants' canceling of claim 10 renders moot the objection to the specification.

Section 102 Rejections

Claims 1 and 2 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 102 as being anticipated by Arkin U.S. Patent No. 3,992,805. In response applicants have cancelled claims 1 and 2.

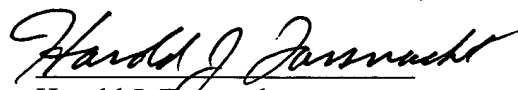
Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's statement that claims 3-9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have so rewritten claims 3-9.

Summary

It is believed that this paper constitutes a complete response to the Final Office Action mailed July 11, 2005, and an early and favorable action allowing claims 3-9 is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone applicant's undersigned attorney if any unresolved matters remain.

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